



Susan Mosier, MD, Secretary

Department of Health & Environment

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Dear Colleagues,

In the January 20th *What's Happening Wednesday*, part of the Chief's Chat message was alerting providers of a new requirement from the CDC that all VFC Provider's Medical Directors would be required to complete the *You Call The Shots* modules in 2016 as part of the enrollment process. Several of you contacted us today with concerns about this new requirement, and we heard you. We promptly contacted our CDC Project Officer to alert them of the barriers this presented for many of our VFC providers.

We expressed your challenges and the concern we had that this requirement could cause us to lose valuable partners. We also discussed the multitude of challenges that many rural providers already face and the impact of these types of requirements. We insisted that we must have the flexibility to ensure we do not cause additional barriers to administering vaccine in Kansas. So, the result is that we will NOT be requiring the Medical Directors to complete the *You Call The Shots* modules. Only the Primary and Backup VFC Coordinators will be required to complete these modules as in past years. CDC has heard us because you shared your concerns with us.

Thank you for all that you do to continue to assure we promote and provide safe vaccines in Kansas! Please continue sharing your questions and comments with us. We always want to hear from you.

Have a great weekend!

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